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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Mines Safety has conducted any survey for identifying mines prone to accidents;

(b) whether many mine accidents have taken place recently in various ancilliary companies of Coal India Limited; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Directorate General of Mines safety in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): The Directorate General of Mines Safety prepares a list of accident prone coal mines every year on the basis of severity index which is based on the total manpower employed and accident rate of the coal mines during the reference year.

(b): 12 fatal and 65 serious accidents causing death of 12 persons and injuries to 73 were reported in various ancilliary companies of the Coal India Limited during the period August - October, 2002.

(c): Directorate General of Mines Safety inquires into all the accidents and suitable actions are taken to fix the responsibility of the mine management and also to improve the safety in the mines. Following actions are also taken:-

i) Warning to the delinquent.
ii) Suspension of the certificate.
iii) Modification in the method of working.
iv) Action by the management against their employees on the basis of finding of the Directorate General of Mines Safety.
v) Prosecution in the court of law.